

REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending in this application, with Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 21-38 being independent. Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 11, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 30, 31, 35, and 36 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 23, 24, 28, 29, 32-34, 37, and 38 continue to be allowed.

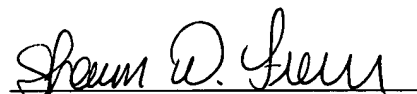
In response to the Advisory Action mailed July 14, 2003, Applicants have amended the independent claims to clarify the novel feature of a speech recognition apparatus that communicates with a separate and distinct speech input terminal. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

The dependent claims depend from one or another of the independent claims and are allowable for the same reasons. Moreover, each of these dependent claims recite additional features in combination with the features of their respective independent claims and is believed allowable in its own right. Individual consideration of the dependent claims respectfully is requested.

Applicants believe that the present amendment is responsive to each of the points raised by the Examiner in the Official Action, and submits that the application is in allowable form. Favorable consideration of the claims and passage to issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience, earnestly are solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Shawn W. Fraser", is written over a horizontal line.

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